

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)
FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS) TC03-113
INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF)**

On July 16, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern Valley Communications, LLC (Northern Valley) for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. Northern Valley states that its revised tariff rates are based on a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12. These rates are based on the revenue requirement for LECA companies that is currently an interim rate.

On July 17, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 1, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No comments or petitions to intervene were filed.

On August 19, 2003, the Commission considered Northern Valley's request for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. Commission Staff recommended approval of the revised tariff rate subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27:12. The Commission voted to approve the revisions to Northern Valley's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 subject to refund, with interest, should the final LECA rate be lower than the interim rate. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Northern Valley's revised Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 is approved subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of August, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner